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In August 1953, the Sea Police started employing vessels equipped with fish-finders (sic) to search for wrecks foundered in the waters northwest of Stralsund. Wrecks found were examined by divers and, if deemed unsuitable for the Sea Police, were offered to the waterway administration for salvage and scrapping. These operations were carried out in the northwest channel of the Stralsund waters. The Sea Police declared that they intended to widen the fairway. It was learned that similar work would be performed in the swept channels around Ruegen Island to change the courses of the swept channels, which was considered desirable because the present shipping lanes were badly sanded up in places.

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1. Comment: It is doubted that it is possible to widen the fairway northwest of Ruegen Island as such operations would involve considerable costs. Also, the sea bottom there is not particularly suited to be dredged, as it is liable to slip.

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